(iii) In St. Teresa Convent School, PS. Kosi, a dacoity was committed on 10/11th April, 2000 (night). Father K.K. Thomas and Ms. Mary, a maidservant sustained some injuries. Both are undergoing treatment. Sister Loria was also hit by the intruders. Property worth Rs. 70,000 approximately was also looted. A criminal case u/s 395/397 has been registered. There is no communal angle involved and police is looking for the criminals.

(2) GHAZIABAD

Some unidentified persons scaled the wall of Christraja K.G. School, Mussoori (Ghaziabad) on 31-3-2000 broke upon the lock and decamped with Rs. 85,000 in cash. The Manager of the School—Father George lodged an FIR No. 46/2000 under Section 457 and 380 IPC. No fallout has been reported.

(c) 'Public Order' appears at entry No. 1 under List II—State list of the Vllth Schedule of the Constitution of India. It is the primary responsibility of the State Governments to look into such problems and to maintain Public Order. Detailed Guidelines on Communal Harmony were issued by the Central Government to all the States/Union Territories on 22-10-97 suggesting various measures for controlling communal situations and matters connected with it. The Central Government also assists the State Governments by sharing intelligence, providing Central Para Military Forces as and when necessary, and by providing funds for modernisation and upgradation of the policing and infrastructure. The Central Government is committed to safeguarding the interests of minorities and bringing to book the perpetrators of violence against them.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Special Pay Commission for Defence Services

3962. SHRI YADLAPATIVENKAT RAO :
Dr. Y. LAKSHMl PRASAD :
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH :

Will the Minister ofDEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Naval and Air Force officers have expressed reservation on the recent pay hike announed for defence services;

(b) if so, their grievances, still unsolved; and

(c) whether there is a proposal to set up a Special Pay Commission for the defence services to remove all disparties in pay and allowances of the three defence services?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) No instance of reservation among Naval and Air Force officers on the recent pay hike has been brought to Government's notice.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

Strategy to Counter Pakistan along LoC

3963. DR. Y. LAKSHMl PRASAD :

SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state ;

(a) whether army has devised any new strategy to counter Pakistan on Line of Control in J & K;

(b) ifso, the details thereof;

(c) the other effective steps proposed to ensure Pak do not occupy dominating heights or positions along the LoC;

(d) whether the strategy takes into account the latest aggressive posture adopted by Pakistan's Military Ruler on infiltration across the LoC; and

(e) if so, the particulars thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (e) Continuous efforts are made to constantly evolve and improve the strategy to counter Pakistan on the LoC in J & K.

Appropriate measures have been undertaken to frustrate any attempt at misadventure along the LoC. Relentless operations are carried out against the terrorists in the hinterland.

Violation of LoC By Pakistan

3964. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state: